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SENATE APPROVES **WILSON'S COURSE**

By Vote of 78 to 5, Indorses Severance of Diplomatic Relations With Germany.

DEBATE LASTS FIVE HOURS

Hearted Support of Wilson.

WASHINGTON, February 7,-President Wilson's severance of diplomatic Say," relations with Germany was approved formally to-day by the Senate.

a vote of 75 to 5, the Senate ex-Chairman Stone, of the Foreign Re- to Siberia. lations Committee, indorsing the with-

Vardaman, of Mississippi. Republicans-Gronna, North Dakota:

came from the five Senators who stood acting all the compensations due her." oult against the resolution when the roll was called. The ranking Republican leaders joined the Democrats in declaring their wholehearted support of the President

SENATE APPROVES ACTION SET PORTH IN ADDRESS

text of the resolution follows: Whereas the President has, for the easons stated in his address delivered to the Congress in joint session on Febtions with the imperial German gov-ernment by the recall of the American is passports to the German ambanan-

ance of diplomatic intercourse, the Canada Cape Cod. President has expressed his desire to that it was a submarine. He was fa-

nent an occasion should arise for furof the government of the United States tain Ross, navy-yard officials began a lard. gress and ask the authority of Congress to use such measures as he might necessary for protection of Amer-

ection taken by the President as set just forward of amidships. forth in his address delivered before the joint sersion of the Congress as

SHOULD LET WORLD KNOW PRESIDENT IS SUPPORTED

said Senator Stone, in bringing the natter before the Senate, "because I

different view, which with great ability ternational relations of the United he strongly supported in his address States within the past few days."

before the joint session. the nation's chief magistrate.

Senator Kirby made his first address meritorious cases. to the Senate, an impassioned declararesolution

"I regard it as a preliminary declara- grad. tion of war." he said, "if the resolution shall be voted upon favorably to-day do not believe the time has come in the history of this country when we shall side with Germany or when we side with the allies. The time has not come, in my opinion, when we should commit ourselves by the adoption of this resolution to any policy Under the Constitution and the law, he has no power to declare war, he has, in fact, the power to plunge the nation into war, and to make it necessary for Congress to delare it, and he has almost done so."

ODGE LEADS DISCUSSION FOR MINORITY SIDE schooner Elsie. Senator Lodge, ranking Republican

member of the Foreign Relations Comlittee, led the discussion in favor of the resolution for the minority. asserted that the President had taken grave action, and that he felt it his of Gulfport for Rotterdam, with phosduty to support him "to the utmost f my power." He also appealed to the Senate against divisions in the crisis as the best guaranty to preserve peace. "My earnest hope." said Senator Lodge. "is that at this time, personal feelings, political feelings, political ennities will all be laid aside, that we may remember only that we are citizens of a common country, that we are all Americans, and that our first duty is to stand together in this controversy. which has unhappily arisen with an other nation, and let that nation and the world know that when the President speaks, as he has spoken, he has he Congress of the United States and the people of the United States, no matter what their race or origin, hehind him in the one simple character of American citizens."

FIRST DUTY TO AMERICA.

SAYS SENATOR SMITH Senator Smith, of Michigan, Repub-I do not believe that the imperial

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Germany to Intern Roumanian Males

Stricken Government Appeals to Universal Conscience for New Attack on Rights.

(By Associated Press.) PARIS, February 7.—The Roumanian Minister of Foreign Affairs telegraphed to-day to the Roumanian legation in Paris that Germany has begun to trans-

With Demograts in Whole- Roumanian males from sixteen to six-French, Russians, Italians and Portuguese, protected by the Spanish legation, are being left in the country.

"This treatment, so the Germans reads the telegram, "is because Roumania gave up to Russia the Germans in its power, and that these were pressed confidence in the President's German subjects to Russia. It has not, course, adopting a resolution submitted then, been possible for them to be sent

from Berlin and the giving to German Ambassador Bernstorff his passports. Senators who voted against the reso. many, it proposed to the Roumanian in Belgium.

"The Roumanian government can do Works, California, and La Follette, nothing but protest against this new attack upon its rights by appealing to Five hours of debate preceded the the universal conscience, which at the feeting the staff, vote, but the only active opposition proper time, will aid Roumania in ex-

SAYS HE SAW SUBMARINE

Tells of Sighting Strange-Looking Craft.

by Associated Press. BOSTON, February 7.—The sighting of a strange vessel resembling a subruary 3, 1917, severed diplomatic relating. Captain Ross said he saw the tain Smith A. Ross, master of a harbor stranger four miles off Marblehead this morning. She was heading in from sea ambassador at Herlin and by handing at a speed which he estimated at fifteen dary as to its meaning. to eighteen knots an hour, out soon

Whereas, the President declared in signified was not one of the American thought possible he may have sent task to which I have set my hand will this said address that if in his judg- craft. The stranger flew no flag, he one of the secretaries of the embassy entail unsparing demands on the ener-

e would submit the matter to the Con- check on vessels known to be in these waters, but all which might answer The strange vessel was described by

nate that the Senate approves the about fifteen or eighteen feet high,

ASKS EMERGENCY FUNDS

Secretary Lansing Wants \$500,000 for Transportation of Americans in London.

are Senators who thought it would have sing.

President had postponed the severance efficially the break with Germany, mere- thun noon to-morrow, allowing for of diplomatic relations with Germany ly calling attention to the continued slight delays in transmission. least until Germany had committed extraordinary expenses of the State Desome overt act offensive to this gov- partment on account of the war, and crament, and sufficiently aggravated to suggesting that the necessary money warrant a step so grave in possible be provided immediately "in view of onsequences; but the President took a the important developments in the in-

When the European war began Con-"I think it both wise and advisable gress appropriated \$2,750,000 for relief for the Senate to say officially that it of thousands of Americans stranded accents and approves this action of abroad. Relief was discontinued more than a year ago, except in the most

> Secretary Lansing also asked for the appropriation of \$450,000 for the purof embassy property at Petro-

TWO MORE SCHOONERS LOST

Disasters Reported in Recent Heavy Florida.

of two more schooners, besides the Charles K. Schull, in the recent heavy seas near here, was reported to-day. The British schooner Cumberland Coun-

ty, a new vessel of 419 tons, stranded on Southwest Reef and is thought to BERNSTORFF AND FAMILY he a total loss. Her captain and crew were brought here on the fishing The American schooner Charlotte M Miller, of 248 tons, is ashore on the quicksands near here. Her cargo of He logwood is being brought here by wrecking tugs. Loss of the Schull, out

MAY BE ORDERED TO CUBA

Warning Given to American Ships Leaving Hampton Roads

By Associated Press. NEWPORT NEWS, VA., February 7. man en American ships leaving Hampton sulates. Roads with coal have been notified by wireless messages at sea ordering them to proceed to Guantanamo. Cuba, to coal the Atlantic Fleet now at that place, it was learned to-day, American ship-owners have been notithe government to have their ships ready for government service at

SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM

WORD FROM GERARD HAILS ACT OF U. S. EAGERLY AWAITED WITH ACCLAMATION

State Department Deeply Per- Former Premier Asquith Says plexed Over Whereabouts of

German Challenge Is Taken American Ambassador. Up With Dignity.

HEAR HE IS HELD AS HOSTAGE MEMORABLE EVENT IN WAR

Ranking Republican Leaders Join port for internment in Germany all If His Departure Is Forcibly De- American Ambassador Center of layed, Officials Say Effect Will Be Serious.

transported to Siberia. It is absolutely grams left grave doubts in the minds States outlined their aims as far as false that Roumania has ever delivered of officials as to reliction the American could be done at present. The King diplomat still is in Berlin, or has upon public order and the common "The German government itself The department has received no direct determination." drawal of American Ambassador Gerard counts so little upon the pretext in- word from the ambassador since Sun-

government the exchange of Germans partment from Berlin on February 4. which you are aware have been made by the enemy with a view to opening Democrats-Kirby, of Arkansas, and interned in Roumania for Roumanians asking for instructions as to the disposition of his staff. Before the message reached the department. Sceretary Lansing had started on its way to Berlin a message giving instructions af-

Much anxiety was caused at the department by reports that Mr. Gerard was being detained in Berlin as a hostage, and probably would be so held until Count von Bernstorff departs for Germany. The department hurriedly took steps to ascertain the reasons for the envoy's detention.

A cablegram was received later in the day from Ambassador Willard at necessarily implied by these aims.

Madrid, stating he had received a message from Gerard, apparently dated at Bern, Switzerland.

CABLEGRAM FROM WILLARD ADDS TO MYSTERY

The department was left in a quan-

For a time they believed that Gerard Captain Ross expressed the belief Switzerland. They were inclined to the view however that Mr. Gerard would miliar with American undersea boats, have reported his arrival in Bern di- sary provision for effective prosecution he said, but was certain the craft he rect to the State Department. It was of the war. Accomplishment of the ahead of him to Bern with instructions gies and resources of my subjects. I After receiving the report from Cap- to communicate with Ambassador Wil- am assured, however, that my people

receipt of the Willard dispatch it was same indomitable arder and devotion the description of the tug were act suggested that Gerard may have encountered some difficulty in arrang- gratitude since the war began. I. ing for his departure from Berlin, and therefore, confidently commend to your cution of their peaceful and legitimate Captain floss as from 360 to 350 feet had sought to get in quick touch with patriotism the measures which will be Tands on the high seas.

long, lying low in the water, with a Willard in a mes, age relayed through laid before you, and I pray that Al"Therefore, be it resolved by the small conical house or superstructure Bern. This was given credence by mighty God may give His blessings to some of the higher officials, because of the fact that the Spanish government has taken over Anierican interests in as King George road his speech pre-Berlin since diplomatic relations were sented a striking military spectacle. Gerard may encounter in getting out of an admiral of the fleet. The escort

ble. Responses from Madrid and Bern were in khaki. The secretary did not mention sne- were expected to reach here not later AMERICAN AMBASSADOR

ANY ACTION BY GERMANY

Gerard. Officials made it plain that if he is held up in his departure, the effeet must be serious.

From European sources outside of Germany the government has learned that the German' government actually did consider Mr Gerard practically as a hostage until it received advices from Washington detailing the arrangements made for the safe departure of

Count von Bernstorff. It was disclosed to-day that on Mondispatch giving the plans worked out for the safe departure of the former Any plans German officials might have entertained to restrain the departure interests of the entire neutral world.

of Mr. Gerard were then dropped: [By Associated Press]

The German government's action is trality," continued Mr. Asquith, "is a purposs shall be as valid and as bind-formal answer has not yet been delived to have been more in the nating as though ratified by every stock-formal answer has not yet been delived to have been more in the nating as though ratified by every stock-formal answer has not yet been delived to have been more in the nating as though ratified by every stock-formal answer has not yet been delived to have been more in the nating as though ratified by every stock-formal answer has not yet been delived to have been more in the nating as though ratified by every stock-formal answer has not yet been delived to have been more in the nating as though ratified by every stock-formal answer has not yet been delived to have been more in the nating as though ratified by every stock-formal answer has not yet been delived to have been more in the nating as though ratified by every stock-formal answer has not yet been delived to have been more in the nating as though ratified by every stock-formal answer has not yet been delived to have been more in the nating as though ratified by every stock-formal answer has not yet been delived to have been more in the nating as though ratified by every stock-formal answer has not yet been delived to have been more in the nating as though ratified by every stock-formal answer has not yet been delived to have been more in the nating as though ratified by every stock-formal answer has not yet been delived to have been more in the nating as though ratified by every stock-formal answer has not yet been delived to have been more in the nating as though ratified by every stock-formal answer has not yet been delived to have been more in the nating as the nating as the nating as the national answer has not yet been delived to have been more in the nating as the nating as the national allied blockade rather than any against Mr. Gerard or the United

ARRANGE TO SAIL Count von Bernstorff and his official ments to sail from New York on Feb. pride, the stern and resolute determary 15, aboard the Frederick VIII. Attaches, elerks and servants have speaking power to frustrate the enorpacked all their personal effects, and mity of those who have abundantly everything movable in the embassy quarters, except fixtures, have been mies of the human race." boxed for slupment. The German en- ASQUITH VOICES FEELINGS voy to-night declared that he had received no official word from Berlin that the I'mperor had awarded him of the Exchequer, in addressing the the iron cross with white ribbon, as Commons, expressed satisfaction to reported in press dispatches.

take over German diplomatic interests in the Unit. J States, including the Ger- of the submarine menace. man embassy here and twelve con-

The minister informed the State Department of his government's action

Swiss legation officials will move into the German embassy building the lost tonnage by new ships when Count von Bernstorff and his Instructions have been sent to Swiss

consuls to take over the German consulates in the following cities: At- ance, and had promised a warfare of lanta, New Orleans, Chicago, Cincin- unequaled savagery which was stagnati. Denver, New York, Philadelphia, Birand San Francisco, Seattle, St. Louis, St. hoped, but to those who contemplated lon. Paul and Manila.

Germany's moral position.

Marked Attention at Opening of Parliament.

WASHINGTON, February 7 - The LONDON, February 7 - King George State Department to-night was deeply in opening Parliament to-day, said that perplexed over the whereabouts of Am- the response of the allies to the invibassador Gerard. Contradictory cable. tation of the President of the United of officials as to whether the American added: "Threats of further outrages reached some point in neutral territory, rights of humanity serve to steel our

King George said in part. "For the third time in succession I summon you to your deliberations is Ambassador Gerard cabled the de- the midst of war. Certain overtures of ever, indicated no possible basis of peace. My people throughout the empire and my faithful and heroic allies remain steadfastly and unanimously rereparation and restitution in respect to the past and for the future which we civilization.

> "In response to an invitation by the President of the United States of America, to have outlined so far as car b. done at present the general objects

humanity will but serve to steel our determination more."

MEANS UNSPARING DEMANDS

ON ENERGIES AND RESOURCES After a brief reference to the work of the British naval and land forces after being sighted it veered to the may have reached neutral soil, as he and the coming conference of British LIMIT BUSINESS OF DIRECTORS OTHER NATIONS TAKE ACTION among her thirty-one passengers and overseas dependencies, the King con-

"You will be asked to make neces-In the speculation that followed the for the success of our cause with the that have illed me with pride and This was given credence by mighty God may give His blessings to of

your counsels." The scene within the House of Lords severed, and Madrid would be telied in marked contrast to the usual civil upon to smooth out any obstacles procedure. The King wore a uniform of Their Majesties included Admiral poration rests upon the fact of owner-In the midst of all these doubts and Jellicoe. First Sea Lord; Lieutenant state Lan. Sir William Robertson, chief of the think we should let the world know WASHINGTON, February 7 -- An sing, by direction of President Wilson, imperial general staff, and Field Marthat we support the President of the emergency appropriation of \$500,000 for finally sent a special dispatch direct shall Viscount French, commander-in-United States whenever, acting within relief, protection and transportation of to Ambassador Stovall, at Bern, and chief of the armies in the United pler B. Garnett, who recited at length is constitutional power, he speaks auAmerican citizens in Europe was asked Ambassador Willard, at Madrid, de Kingdom. Of fifty peers massed at the authorities for refusing to allow provisions of the authorities for refusing to allow theritatively for the country. There of Congress to-day by Secretary Lan- manding all the facts as soon as possi-

CENTER OF INTEREST PROVISION WHICH LED

Walter Hines Page, the American amb'issador, occupied a front seat in the WOULD HAVE SERIOUS EFFECT diplomatic box immediately to the right Officials to-night did not try to mini- of the thrones. Recent events had mize the seriousness of any official ac. made nim the center of marked attention by Germany in detaining Mr. tion, the lord justices, bishops and peers leaving their places to greet him. any of the directors of the corpora-The Lord Chief Justice, in impressive tion are in any way interested in or fer great hardships, without any sure overt act to drive the United States robes, even paused as he entered the connected with any other party to prospect of concrete gain. chamber for a cordial exchange with such contract or transaction, or are the American ambassador. Bryce, Northcliffe and Beresford were or transaction; provided, that at the with the Foreign Minister, Wallenamong those who exchanged greetings meeting of the board of directors au- burg, after which he would say only

mons, former Premier Asquith de- a majority of the board of directors as one of "undisguised savagery." He and any such contract or transaction and informed him that the King and as to warning or the presence of Amerday the State Department sent a long said it was not worth while discussing shall be approved by such majority. the motives which actuated the German government. The novel feature of German ambassador and his suite, it was that it was a direct and defiant

with dignity and without delay by the of Count von Bernstorif through the greatest of neutral states. It is not for us to forecast the bearing of this memorable event on the future of the to what extent, and at what times and war. Still less is it fitting for us to tender advice or suggestions to a govcare of itself. We shall hall with acfamily have completed all arrange- clamation, with a strain of family mination of the other great Englishearned for themselves the title of enc-

ON ROLE OF NEUTRALS nett says: what he alluded to as the perfect man-Minister Ritter, of Switzerland, today ner in which former Premier Asquith was instructed by his government to had voiced the feeling of the country on the role of the neutrals in the face question before the courts. To

Bonar Law said he did not minimize the submarine danger, but that some of the best brains in the country were concentrated upon the problem, and he was not without hope, whatever the ravages of submarines might be, that something might be done to replace

that Germany had thrown aside the mask of humanity by her latest utter-

Holds That It Is an American Right to Traverse Any Part of High Seas

NEW YORK, February 7 .- Sailing of the American Line stenmships St. Louis and St. Paul, now in the nitely postponed, it was announced here to-night by P. A. S. Franklin, president of the International Mercantile Marine.

The announcement followed an official statement, received by telephone from the State Department at Washington, declining to advise private persons as to whether or not their ships should start on voyages which would take them within the war zones laid down by Germany The State Department pointed out. however, that neutral vessels may arm themselves for defense if the wners so elect, and that it is the right of an American vessel to traverse any part of the high seas.

Washington, Mr. Franklin issued the following statement:

"The American Line announces that the solling dates of the steamers St. Louis and St. Paul, now in the port of New York, have been

indefinitely postponed. The following message was received to-day by Lansing:

". The government cannot give advice to private persons as to whether or not their merchant vessels should by which they would be compelled to pass through the waters delineated in the declaration issued by the German government on January 31.

"It, however, asserts that the rights of American vessels to trathe same now as they were prior to the issuance of the German declaration, and that a neutral vessel may if its owners believe that it is liable to be unlawfully attacked, take any necessary measures to prevent or resent attack.

"The American Line officers has now taken under consideration whether to sail their steamers within prohibited waters or whether it is their duty to provide guns and gunners on their own account.

SPAIN SENDS PROTEST

Cannot Submit to Exceptional Methods.

tion to Break Relations With Ber- | 8.662. lin, but All Are Firm in Disap-

MADRID (via Paris), February 7 .- hours by German submarines. In ad-The Spanish government's reply to dition, one British steamer, the tonnage Germany's submarine war zone note of which is not known, and two British is a firm and dignified protest against steam trawlers and two fishing boats to close completely certain sea routes steamer Azul, a vessel of 3,074 tons, is is outside the legal principles of international life. It adds that if Germany for whom he is acting in the capacity hopes to have Spain's help to avoid more loss of life it must be understood that Spain, while ready at the proper time to lend the initiative in support of the establishment of peace, cannot accept the legality of exceptional methods of war.

SCANDINAVIAN NATIONS

By Associated Press. I don).-Sweden and the other Scandinavian nations have decided to unite in a joint protest to Germany over the latter's submarine blockade

Responsible statesmen declare that, even if Sweden desired to follow the lead of the United States, her situation would render this impossible TO REJECTION OF CHARTER situated geographically and so mighty The rejected provisions read as fol- in resources that it could limit its participation in the war to such extent as "No contract or other transaction of it might desire. Sweden, on the conthe corporation shall, in the absence trary, they assert, is exposed to great of fraud, be affected by the fact that possibilities of harm on either side, and certainly would be obliged to suf-

thorizing or confirming such contract that President Wilson's note to neutrals was one of the subjects discussed Later it was learned that Mr. Wal-Germany's new naval policy who are not so interested or connected, lenburg requested Mr. Morris to call, Conneil had considered carefully Presi-

HOLLAND NOT IN POSITION

IBy Associated Press. I

seems only a prelude to participation give any warning before firing two torin the war, although such participa- pedoes from a distance of 300 yards, tion is not desired by the United and sending the California down.

States," says the paper. and records for the discovery of any ca is amply provided with steel, iron, on the seas went into effect last Thurscoal, bread, corn, fats and all victuals; day. It is realized that if no citizen "To allow the insertion of both is not surrounded by belligerent coun- of the United States was among the would, if it have any efficacy, give to tries, but is even separated from them victims it merely was a fortunate accithe corporations possessing such char- by a broad ocean; in American ports dent, and that it can be only a matter

> wealth, is almost financially exhausted in the Mediterranean months ago. (Continued on Second Page.)

THAT WILL DRIVE AMERICA INTO WAR

Only U. S. Citizen on Board the California Among Survivors.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN SAID TO BE MISSING

President. Who Must Make Decision, Retires Before News Is Received.

U-BOATS STILL ON RAMPAGE

More Than Score of Merchant Craft Sent to Bottom Within Past Twenty-Four Hours.

A nother transatiantic passenger steamer plying between New York and the British Isles-the California-has been sunk by a German submarine. Like the Lusitania, the steamer is declared to have been torpedoed without warning, and some of her passengers and crew, including two women and several children, are said to be missing, One American on board was rescued.

The sinking of the liner took place off the coast of Ireland. The survivors crew of 184 are being taken to Queens-Will Not Be Allowed to Have Inter- None Has Followed Wilson's Sugges- town. The California was a vessel of

Including the California, British, proval of Unrestricted Campaign. Italian and Peruvian ships of a known tonnage of 22,625 have been sent to the bottom during the last twenty-four It declares that Germany's decision also have been sunk, while the British reported as "probably" sunk.

Ships reported sunk to-day, in addilowing, all of them British, unless otherwise designated.

St. Ninian, 3,026 tons; Corsican Prince, 2,776 tons, crew landed; Saxon Briton, 1.337 tons, two of crew killed, captain and fourteen others landed; Azul, 3,074 tons, twelve survivors landed; Vestra, 1,021 tons; Crown WHAL UNITE IN PROTEST Point, 5,218 tons; two trawlers, two tishing boats; Peruvian bark Lorton, STOCKHOLM, February 7 (via Lon-2.192 tons

U. S. CONSUL REPORTS LINER TORPEDOED WITHOUT WARNING

WASHINGTON, steady stream of reports telling of the destruction of merchant ships by Germax to-night by a cablegram to the State Department from Consul Frost at ish passenger liner California had been torpedoed without warning, and that an American citizen was among the

Ira Nelson Morris, the American min- into war no one would attempt to say Lords themselves parties to such contract ister, to-day had a long conference or transaction; provided, that at the with the Foreign Minister Wallon, make the decision, had retired when the news came, and officials did not wake him. had been informed of a message from Consul Frost telling of the sinking of icans.

> before determining whether the time has come for him to go to Congress to our seamen and our people.'

SURVIVORS AT QUEENSTOWN

The consul's first dispatch said there was "one death and thirty hospital TO FOLLOW WILSON'S LEAD cases," among the more than 200 people on board the liner. The second-BERLIN, February 7 (via Sayville), added no information concerning cas-The Dutch newspaper Nieuwe Rot- nalties except that the survivors were terdamsche Courant is quoted by the landed at Queenstown, among them be-Overseas News Agency with respect ing John A. Lee, of Montgomery, Ala, count or document of the corporation to the attitude of the United States to- the only American known to have been wards Germany, and the suggestion of aboard, and that some still were miss-President Wilson that other neutral ing, including two women and several

countries join with the United States children.
In severing relations with Germany. The captain of the ship was quoted "The action of the United States as saying the submarine did not hail or

The fact that the American escaped "In our country nothing is known lessened in a degree the excitement about the attitude of our government created by the news, but in only a de-

towards intensified submarine war: gree, therefore it can be pointed out that More than a score of merchant craft our government, which has to count have been sent to the bottom in the the insertion of the latter provision with the interests of our country, may war zone within the past twenty-four very well consider things differently hours, and tifty or more since the Gerthe inspection of the corporate books from the American government. American proclamation of ruthless warfare

would be of advantage to the United from New York for Glasgow, is the

first big passenger steamer to be de-"Our country, in spite of all its stroyed since the Arabla was torpodoed by the war. We suffer from the need sinking has about swept away the last lingering hope here that Germany after

phate, was reported on Monday, when her captain and crew were brought

With Cont.

Operates three trains duly to Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis, New Orleans, Texas and San Francisco, Schalfornia, Phone Mad. 272 for information.

Paul and Manila.

COMMISSION WILL CURB

To Refuse Incorporation Where Char. Ready to Aid in Work for Peace, but ters Deny Stockholders Right to Inspect Books.

ests That Would Make Minority Shareholders Pawns in Game of Interlocking Boards.

As contrary to public policy, and as ferred by the general law, the State ture decline to sanction any article of incorporation which will allow a director of the concern applying for a charter to have business interests an-

Likewise, the commission will refuse to charter any concern which reserves of incorporation the right to withhold from a stockholder in the corporation its accounts and books, holding that the right of stockholders to inspect the books of a cor-

corporated in the charter of the Superior Steel Corporation.

In addressing the House of Com- or transaction there shall be present

"Any contract, transaction or act of dent Wilson's invitation to Sweden to for complete reports on the disaster the corporation or of the board of directors which shall be ratified by a ing off diplomatic relations with Gerchallenge to the conscience and to the majority of a quorum of the rock- many, and had reached the decision holders at any annual meeting or at that such action was impossible under ask authority to use any means that "This declaration of war on neu-trality," continued Mr. Asquith, "is a purpose shall be as valid and as bind-formal answer has not yet been delivany special meeting called for such the existing circumstances. Sweden's may be necessary "for the protection of

holder of the corporation. "The board of directors shall from time to time determine whether, and lations, the accounts and books of corporation, or any of them, shall be open to the inspection of the stockholders, and no stockholder shall have any right to inspect any book or acthorized by the board of directors."

WOULD INVITE DIRECTORS TO MANIPULATE TRUST In concluding his opinion, Mr. Gar-

"To allow the insertion of the former Andrew Bonar Law, the Chancellor provision would invite the directors to own benefit, and to pocket the profits arising from such contracts, upon the false assumption that the stockholders were estopped to call such conduct into would empower the directors to prevent such doubtful transactions.

ter provisions rights and privileges are aumorous German ships, among of hours before Americans are caught In the House of Lords, the Marquis not only not conferred by the general them the finest of the German mer- in such wholesale destruction. of Crewe, reviewing the situation, said law, but directly in the teeth of the chant marine, and all, in case of war, The California, which was bound general law, and ultimately enable all (Continued on Second Page.) BALTIMORE BY BOAT

\$2.50 One Way, \$4.50 Round Trin TORK RIVER LINE new steamers. A hightful over-night trip. Phone Madison